Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is not merely the reduction of fee that we have got to consider. We have to compensate the Aided school Managers for any reduction of fee, because the grant-in-aid now is based on the net expenditure. So, it will be much more than 7 thousand. And then he said that the only ground I said was the financial ground. While it is not merely financial ground, there is another reason that I heard, and that was that English education is intended only for well-to-do classes. What the State thinks as charity is vernacular education. That is all that the poor have the right to claim. So, there is not the same necessity.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Why not the poor have English education also?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is the view of the State at present. English education is only intended for the well-to-do classes.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—May I know the amount of fees collected from the Lower Secondary Department?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot say. It is something like 30 thousand for the Sirkar schools alone.

President.—The resolution before the House moved by Mr. Ambooken runs thus:—"This Council recommends to the Government that owing to the financial incapability of the public, a substantial reduction is to be made in the rate of school fees at least in the Primary and Lower Secondary Departments of schools"

(*The resolution was put to the vote and was lost.*)

President.—Do you like to have a poll, Mr. Ambooken?

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—No, Sir.

President.—We will now pass on to resolutions for discussion on this day's agenda.

(*Resolutions 2 to 6 the movers being absent, were considered to be withdrawn.*)

(2) *A Committee for rural reconstruction.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*This Council recommends to the Government the appointment of a committee (the personnel of which will be named by the mover on the fate of the resolution being known) for the purpose of framing a comprehensive scheme of rural reconstruction for the villages of Cochin.*

(3) *Department of Agriculture under a separate head.*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*This Council respectfully recommends to the Government that in view of the important part that the development of agriculture will have to take in improving the economic condition of people and mitigating the evils of unemployment the department of agriculture be*

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placed under a separate head and that strenuous endeavours be made by that Department to bring home to the ryots improved and intensive methods of cultivation.

(4) *Committee for Irrigation.*

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*This Council requests the Government to appoint a committee with a non-official majority to enquire and submit a report for improving and developing irrigation in the State.*

(5) *Irrigation Department with an Advisory Committee.*

(5) Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*This Council requests the Government to constitute an Irrigation Department with an Advisory Committee consisting mainly of the non-official members of the Legislative Council.*

(6) *Deletion of provisions from Land Revenue Manual.*

(6) Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*This Council requests the Government to delete from the Land Revenue Manual the provision to obtain sanction from the jenmi for laterite quarrying.*

(7) *The discontinuance of the half-time system in Schools.*

President.—So we shall go to resolution No. 6 on Wednesday's agenda. Mr. K. Raman Menon has now come. His name may be included. Mr. M. K. Raman is not coming.

Please move the resolution standing in your name, Mr. Ambooken.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—The House has not sufficient strength to move the resolution.

President.—If the Government opposes, you lose the resolution.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—So what is the use of moving under the circumstances?

President.—Is this a case where we should oppose the motion?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—What is the use of moving?

President.—We are always open to conviction, if there are sufficient arguments to support your case, we will not oppose.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Under these circumstances, I don't think there is any use of moving the resolution. So, I don't move.

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